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The resolution was put and declared lost. A poll was demanded and the House divided as follows :—

Ayes.

1 K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur.
2 K. T. M. Ahmed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur.
3 Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliya.
4 Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu.
5 Sri M. D. T. Kumaraswami Mudaliyar.
6 Mrs. M. Hensman.
7 Mrs. M. N. Clubwalla.
8 Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao.
9 Mr. K. O. Anthoni.
10 Sir James Doak.
11 Dr. V. K. John.
12 Sri H. M. Jagannatham.

Noes.

1 The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. Rajan.
2 The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.
3 Sri K. Venkataswami Nayudu.
4 „ B. Bheema Rao.
5 „ L. Subbarama Reddi.
6 „ S. K. Satagopa Mudaliar.
7 „ M. Narayana Menon.
8 „ M. Narayana Rao.
9 Sri N. Venkatachalamaji.
10 „ C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.
11 „ A. Govindacharyulu.
12 „ A. K. A. Ramachandra Reddiyar.
13 „ S. Jayaram Reddiyar.
14 „ N. Renga Reddi.

Ayes 12 ; *Noes* 14.

The resolution was lost.

(3) REFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT BILLS TO JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Sri P. R. K. Sarma is not in his place. The hon. Member's resolution is deemed to have been withdrawn."

(4) REVISED SCALES OF SALARIES FOR NON-GAZETTED SERVICES IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Mr. K. O. Anthoni does not intend to move his resolution? "

MR. K. O. ANTHONI :—" Yes, Sir."

(5) DECISION OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO TRANSFER POWER TO INDIAN HANDS.

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, I am thankful to you and the Members of the House for giving me this opportunity at this late hour, and I shall not take up more than five minutes. I move—

' *This Council recommends to the Government to convey to the Secretary of State for India that this Council heartily welcomes the decision of His Majesty's Government in Britain to transfer power to Indian hands by a date not later than June* 1948.'

Sir, I consider it a privilege to move this resolution. As far as I know, no legislative chamber has considered this momentous declaration of His Majesty's Government. This House is considering it first. Three effective causes have contributed to this declaration. One is the sufferings undergone and the sacrifices made by the great political party, the Congress. They have not only sacrificed their comforts and conveniences; they have also sacrificed very much in property and even in life in the struggle for the freedom of the country under the leadership of the modern apostle of truth, non-violence and love—Mahatma Gandhi. The